

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Roland A. Dykes, III of Newport upon receiving the Cocke County Citizenship Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Roland A. Dykes, III, Mayor of Newport, is being honored with the Cocke County Citizenship Award in recognition of his ongoing commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Roland Dykes has served with distinction as the Mayor of Newport since 2019, and his record of public service, both in the past and the present, is equally impressive; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from Quaker Oats/PepsiCo in 2012, Mayor Dykes began searching for opportunities for volunteerism and public service and found such opportunities aplenty in his native Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, prior to assuming the mantle of leadership as mayor, he served as a member and chairman of the board of directors for Newport Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dykes currently serves as chairman of the board of the East Tennessee Development District and the Policy Council of the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dykes also gives back to his community as a member of the Newport Kiwanis Club and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and president of the Tanner Preservation Alliance and the Tennessee Picnic Association; and

WHEREAS, he is a 2013 graduate and current member of Leadership Cocke County and a 2019 graduate of the East Tennessee Regional Leadership program; and

WHEREAS, an honor graduate of Cocke County High School, Mayor Dykes earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and his Master of Business Administration degree from Jacksonville University; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of nearly forty-five years, Rhonda, and their son, Roland IV; and

WHEREAS, Roland A. Dykes, III is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Mayor Roland A. Dykes, III of Newport upon receiving the Cocke County Citizenship Award and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.